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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Onuki et al.) Group Art Unit 3683
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Filed: August 21, 2003) Examiner Butler
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Serial No.: 10/646,663) Attorney Docket 1-16254
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For: BRAKE SYSTEM FOR A LINEAR)
ACTUATOR)

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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

In the Office Action dated May 3, 2004, the Examiner indicated the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species I depicted in Figs. 1-4, Species II depicted in Figs. 5, Species III depicted in Figs. 6-9 and Species IV depicted in Fig. 10.

The Examiner indicated a single disclosed species should be elected from those identified above. The Examiner also indicated that claims 1 and 4-5 appear to be generic. It was also requested that a listing of all of the claims readable on the elected species be provided.

Applicants hereby elect Species I depicted in Figs. 1-4. The claims readable on Species I include claims 1 and 3-10. Applicants also note that claims 1 and 4-5 are generic. Since the applicants have fully and completely responded to the Examiner's Action, and have made the required election, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for favorable consideration on the merits.

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